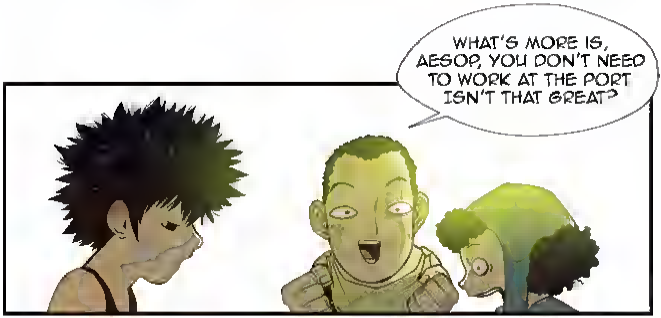
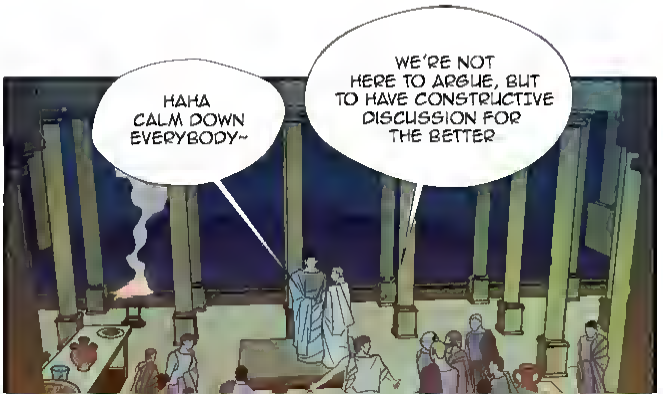
I WISH HE'D GIVE ME SOME WOOL, SO THAT, I CAN SLEEP WARM IN WINTER~
ME, TOO~

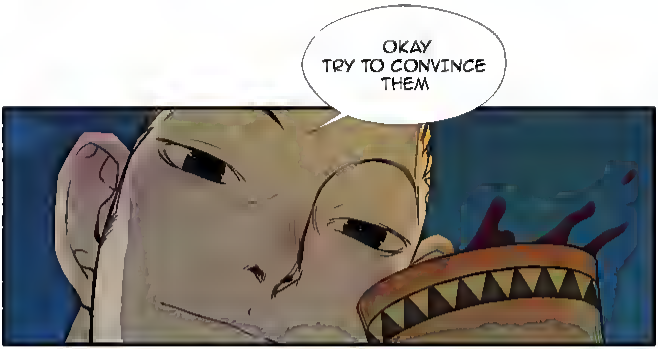

WHAT'S MORE IS, AESOP, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORK AT THE PORT ISN'T THAT GREAT?

YOU SAID SLAVES DON'T EVEN TRY?
TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP

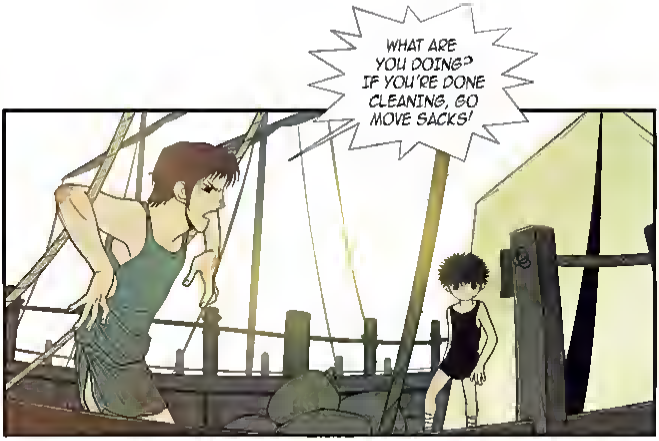
IT'S NOT THAT THEY DON'T. THEY JUST CAN'T.

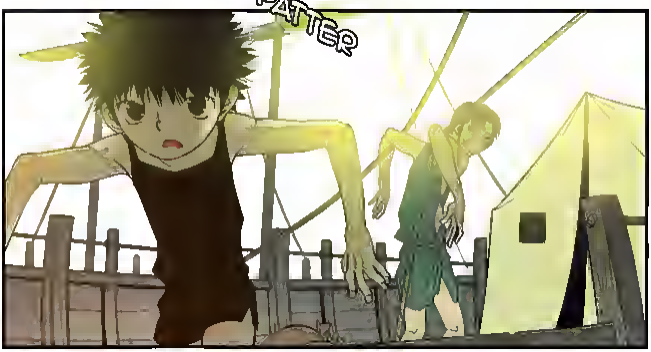
NO, YOU'RE WRONG!


HAHA CALM DOWN EVERYBODY~
WE'RE NOT HERE TO ARGUE, BUT TO HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION FOR THE BETTER


OKAY
TRY TO CONVINCE
THEM

THANK YOU, SIR.
THEN, I'LL TELL YOU
AN OLD STORY


WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IF YOU'RE DONE CLEANING, GO MOVE SACKS!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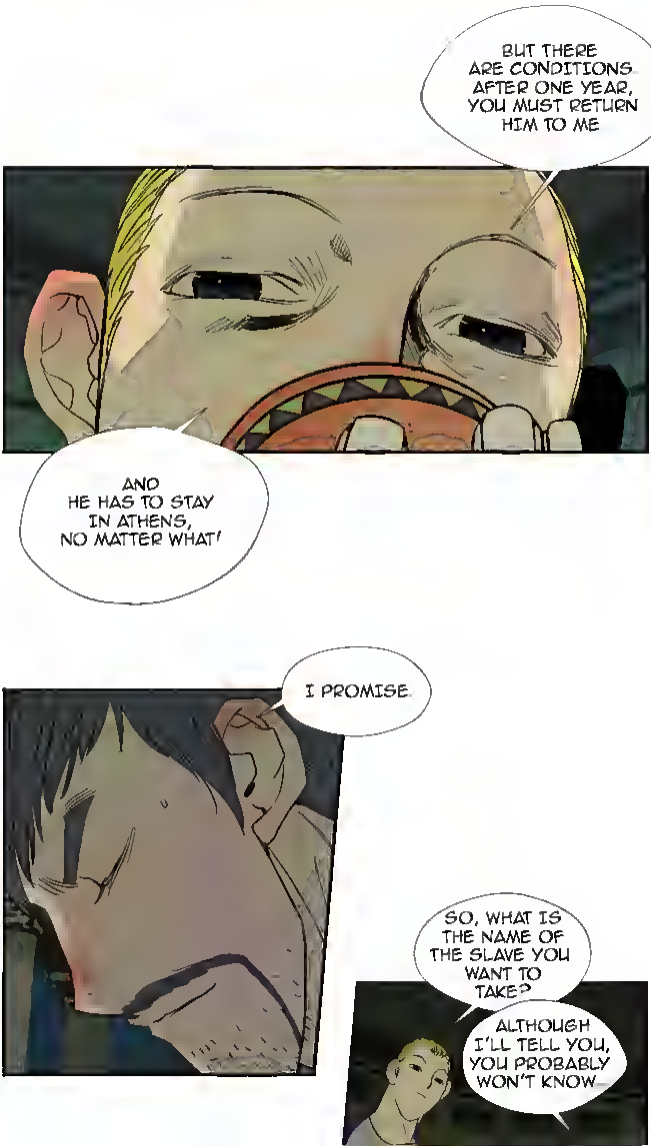
'CAUSE
IF SHE REMOVES
THE FULL TICKS,
OTHER HUNGRY TICKS
WILL COME TO SUCK UP
HER BLOOD

HOW IS IT
DIFFERENT FROM
THE WORLD
WE LIVE IN?


BUT THERE ARE CONDITIONS. AFTER ONE YEAR, YOU MUST RETURN HIM TO ME
AND HE HAS TO STAY IN ATHENS, NO MATTER WHAT!
I PROMISE.
SO, WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE SLAVE YOU WANT TO TAKE?
ALTHOUGH I'LL TELL YOU, YOU PROBABLY WON'T KNOW.

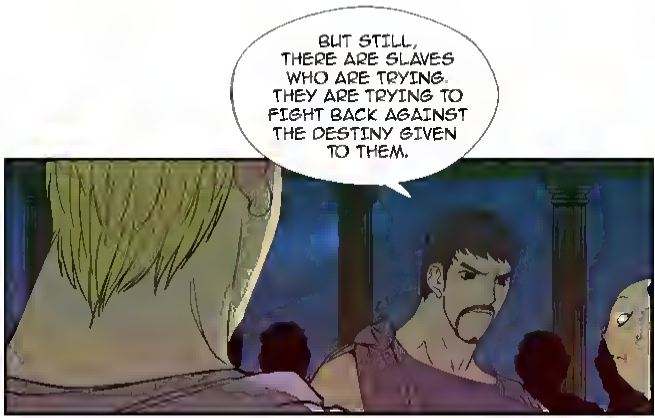
THE REASON WHY THEY STAY A SLAVE IS NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE DULL LIKE MONKEYS OR BUGS

THE FOX TRIED TO GET OUT, BUT FAILED TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, THERE WERE TICKS SWARMING ALL OVER, HER BODY MAKING HER MISERABLE
THEN, A HEDGEHOG PASSING BY TOOK PITY ON HER AND ASKED THE FOX IF HE SHOULD REMOVE THE TICKS BUT THE FOX REFUSED

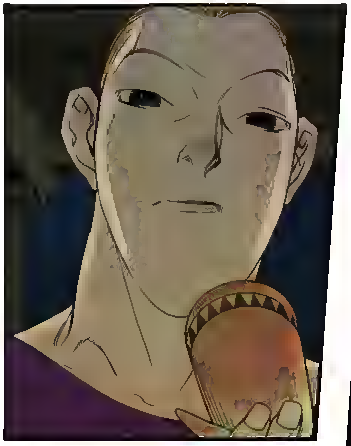
Buzz
Buzz
Buzz

Aisopos

WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED SUCH A KID FROM THE BEGINNING IT SEEMS THAT HE WON'T DO IT
I THOUGHT WE COULD GET BARBARIANS EASILY BUT WE'D BETTER GO CATCH THEM OURSELVES


BUT STILL, THERE ARE SLAVES WHO ARE TRYING. THEY ARE TRYING TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE DESTINY GIVEN TO THEM.

I WANT TO HELP THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE



I ALSO THINK
A SLAVE IS
JUST A SLAVE
NOW,
IS THERE ANYBODY
WHO DISAGREES?

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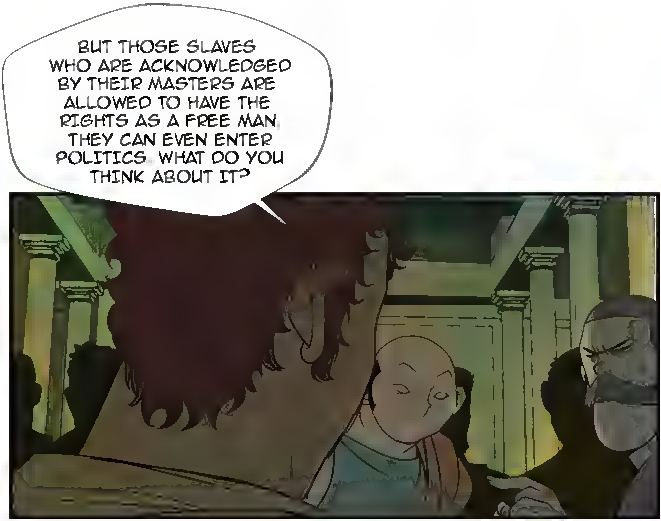
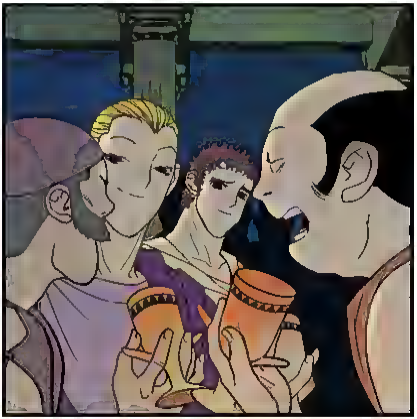
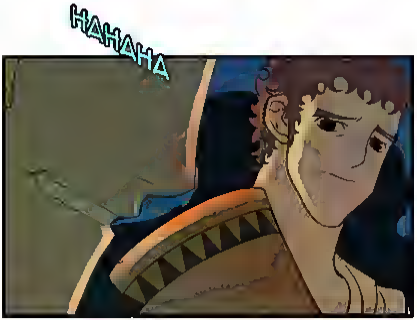
SIR YADMON, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THIS?


BUT THOSE SLAVES WHO ARE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THEIR MASTERS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE THE RIGHTS AS A FREE MAN. THEY CAN EVEN ENTER POLITICS. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

THEY'RE ONLY PUPPETS. THEIR MASTERS ALLOW THEM TO HAVE THE RIGHTS IN ORDER TO EXPAND THEIR POWER. SLAVES ARE LIKE MONKEYS. THEY ONLY FOLLOW ORDERS.

THERE MUST BE HAPPINESS WAITING FOR THEM TOO I THINK THEY JUST DON'T TRY.
HE S RIGHT IF THEY TRY THEY CAN BE FREE MEN! BUT THEY DO NOTHING TO END THEIR LIVES AS SLAVES!!

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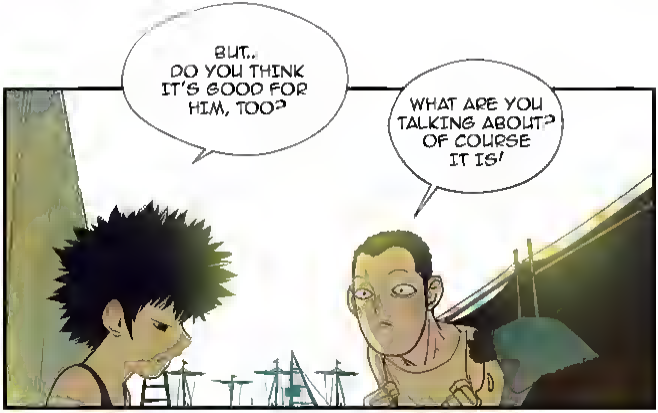
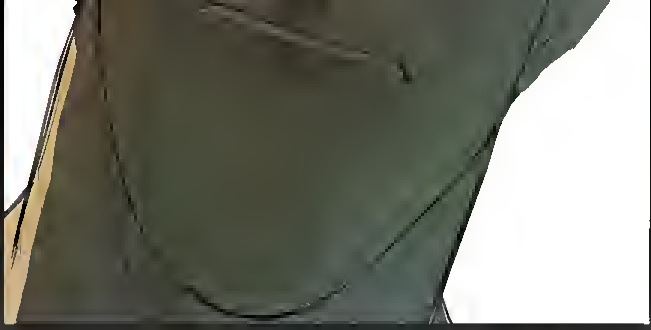

BUT..
DO YOU THINK IT'S GOOD FOR HIM, TOO?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE IT IS!

HE TOLD ME THAT HE WENT TO THE FOREST HIMSELF BECAUSE HE DOESN'T LIKE PEOPLE.



TO DO THAT, SIR YAOMON, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.
PLEASE LET ME BUY ONE OF YOUR SLAVES.
I'M WILLING TO PAY DECENT MONEY FOR HIM.

THEN, LEND HIM TO ME FOR THREE YEARS.. OR ONE YEAR WILL BE FINE
I'LL TEACH HIM AND MAKE HIM A DECENT MAN WHO WILL BE QUALIFIED TO BECOME A FREE MAN
WELL, THAT SOUNDS NOT BAD ALSO, IT'S GOOD FOR ME IN THE END ANYWAY
OF COURSE, SIR.

ARE YOU THINKING TO SEND SOLDIERS TOMORROW MORNING?
WITH OUR SOLDIERS, IT WON'T BE SO HARD TO CATCH A FEW BARBARIANS.

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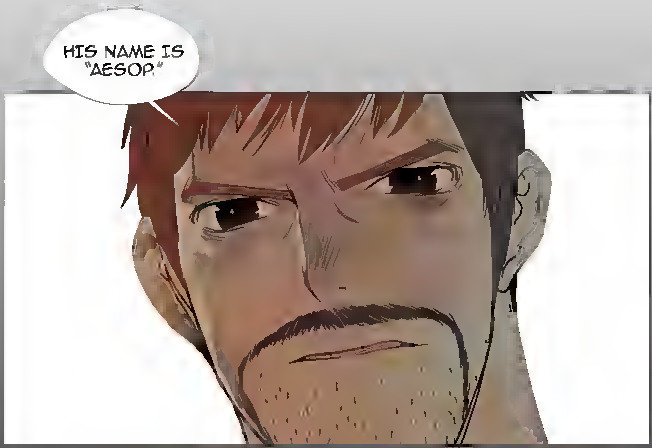
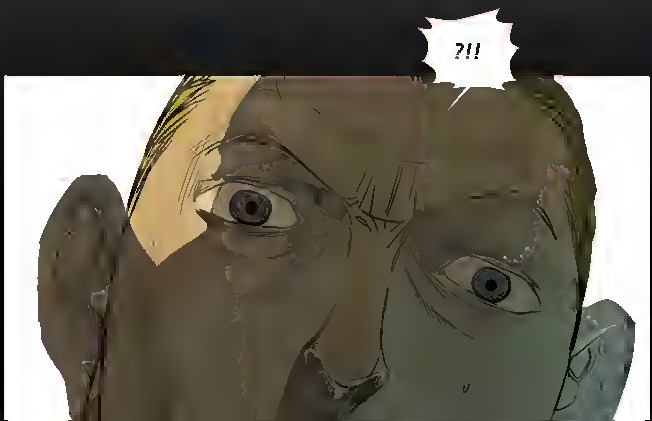
STORY/ YANGSOO KIM
DRAWING/DOGADO


HIS NAME IS "AESOP."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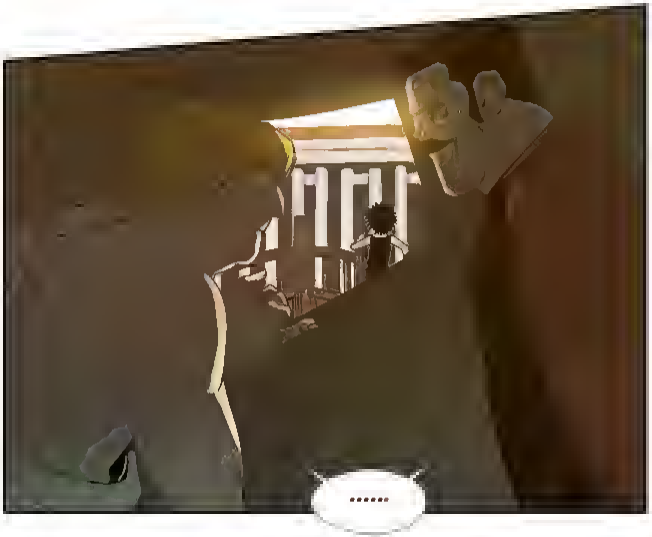
THERE IS
A SMART KID
AT THE PORT

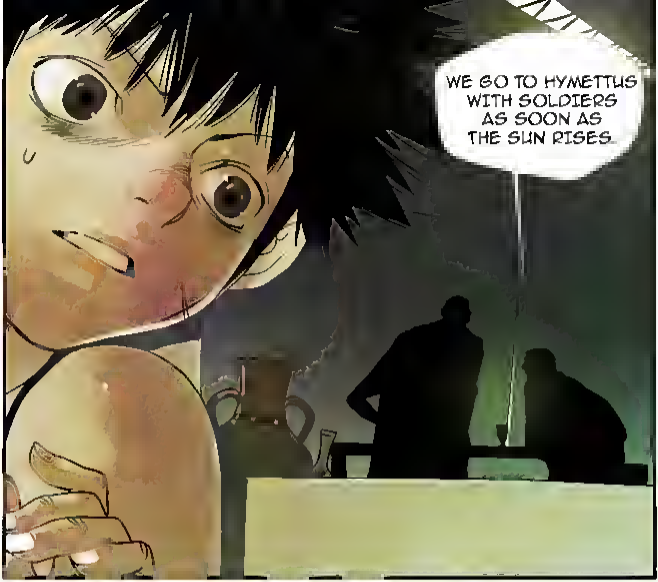
ONE DAY,
A FOX WAS CROSSING
A RIVER AND SHE GOT
SWEPT BY THE CURRENT
INTO A DEEP VALLEY.

I DON'T SELL MY SLAVES
I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT HARD TO GRANT, IS IT? AND IT SEEMS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE QUITE CONVINCED

THEN HE ASKED WHY SLAVES ARE SLAVES UNTIL THEY DIE?
HAHA, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? 'CAUSE THEY CAN'T BE FREE FROM SLAVERY UNLESS THEY DIE~

ALTHOUGH THEY BECOME FREE FROM THE SLAVERY, THEY WILL SUFFER FROM POVERTY WITHOUT WEALTH!
ALSO, IF THEY BECOME A FREE MAN, THEY HAVE TO PAY TAXES, COMPULSORY LABOR. SO, A FREE MAN'S LIFE IS NO BETTER THAN THAT OF SLAVES IN THIS LANDOWNER CENTERED MARKET ISN'T IT?




WE GO TO HYMETTUS WITH SOLDIERS AS SOON AS THE SUN RISES.

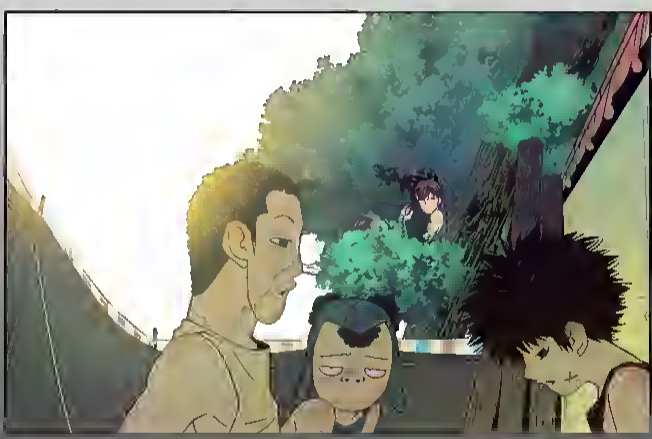
I'M NOT A LANDOWNER, BUT I'M CONVINCED!
YES, HE SOUNDS RIGHT!
BUSTLE
BUSTLE

I DON'T THINK I SHOULD DO THIS
TAP

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
WHO IS HE?
THE REASON WHY A SLAVE STAYS AS A SLAVE IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THERE WILL BE NO HAPPINESS FOR THEM EVEN IF THEY ESCAPE FROM SLAVERY

IN THAT WAY, HOW ABOUT WE MAKE A BET?

HOW ABOUT THIS? IF THAT MAN CONVINCE OVER THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE HERE, SIR YADMON, THE MAN WITH GREAT POWER, WILL DO HIM A FAVOR



I DON'T UNDERSTAND ISN'T IT GOOD TO BE RICH?
AND YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE THAT'S GREAT, ISN'T IT?

WOOL?!!
WOW, COOL! THEN, IS THE BARBARIAN GOING TO BE RICH NOW?

BUT
MONEY IS NOT
WHAT MAKES HIM
HAPPY